

ATTACHMENT: ELIGIBILITY AND CATEGORIES OF RECOGNITION

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for recognition, a nomination must satisfy the following requirements:

- The nomination must directly relate to an *environmental project*, defined within this policy;
- The environmental project must have occurred within the boundaries of Texas Senate District 29 (El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis and Presidio Counties);
- The environmental project must have occurred within 12 months prior to the call for nominations (except in the case of the Lifetime Achievement category);
- An individual or organization who has been recognized for an environmental project within a given category may not be nominated for consideration within same category until three (3) years has elapsed from the date of recognition;
- A nominated organization may be public or private, profit or not-for-profit; and
- A nominated individual or organization is not eligible if a violation of TCEQ environmental rules has occurred and has been documented for the individual or organization within the previous five (5) years.

Recognition Categories

Apply to both individuals and organizations, except where indicated.

Innovation

An environmental project that introduces a new idea, device or method related to the environment, or that introduces more effective products, processes, services, technologies or business models that are designed to benefit the environment.

Leadership

An environmental project that involves an individual or organization serving in a leadership role in the community, either formal or informal, that advances environmental conservation, public policy, legislation, remediation, or academic study that advances established environmental goals.

Excellence

An environmental project that involves documented, consistent exceeding of established and recognized environmental regulatory standards.

Education

An environmental project that involves the documented introduction, implementation and maintenance of a documented educational program that is designed to increase knowledge of the environment.

Research

An environmental project that contributes to the advancement of knowledge and increased understanding of the environment, resulting in a written document. The document may include one being published in a peer-reviewed journal, a report submitted to a regulatory agency, a report commissioned by a public or private entity, or an academic document such as a thesis, dissertation, capstone project report, or undergraduate research project.

Lifetime Achievement (Individual only)

Recognition of an individual for a contribution of outstanding significance to the environment during his or her lifetime. For purposes of this recognition program, a lifetime shall be defined as a minimum of 20 years beyond 18 years of age.